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25X1 SUBJECT: Construction of an Airfield at Dobrany

1. In August 1951, an airfield was under construction about 2 km northwest of Dobrany (N 50/L 03), about midway between Dobrany and Line (N 50/P 93), immediately south of the Nova Ves (N 50/L 03)-Cerveny Ujezd (N 50/P 93) road. The field extended for about 3,000 meters from northeast to southwest. Its northeastern boundary was about 500 meters from Nova Ves and its southwestern border extended as far as the woods northeast of Chotesov (N 50/P 93).

2. The construction at the field was done by the Posista construction firm. About 900 men of the 60th PTP (Labor Battalion), in addition to civilian skilled workers, were employed in the construction of the field. A material depot, the airfield was to be improved for aircraft.
3. Construction of a concrete runway, 3,000 meters long and 80 meters wide, was started. The foundation of the runway was excavated to a depth of about 50 cm. The excavated strip was filled with a layer of sand which was subsequently rolled. A 30-cm layer of gravel was then placed on top of the sand, sprayed with asphalt, and then topped by a thin layer of sand. Two concrete mixing machines were in operation, two other ones were available.
4. The airfield surface was level and firm. The field had a spur track branching off from the Stod (N 50/P 92)-Nyrany (N 50/P 93) railroad line at a point 2 km north of Chotesov. The road from Line (N 50/P 93) to the airfield was widened 6 meters and provided with an asphalt cover. Drainage facilities were being built.
5. Nine single-story brick buildings, each 12 x 60 meters, were observed northwest of the field on the road from Cerveny Ujezd to the field. These buildings, which were to serve as quartering facilities, were not furnished and the windows were still lacking. Low wooden buildings quartering the labor battalion were about 250 meters northeast of the brick buildings. The airfield was guarded by 40 soldiers who wore khaki uniforms with red collar patches. *

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* Comment. The construction of the airfield near Dobransy is reported for the first time. The field is probably designed for jet fighter units employed for the defense of the industrial area of Pilsen. Pilsen (N 40/L 04) airfield is probably not suited for an enlargement because it is located too near to the city. The field was apparently guarded by details of an infantry battalion located in Dobransy. The information contained in the present report is believed to be credible.

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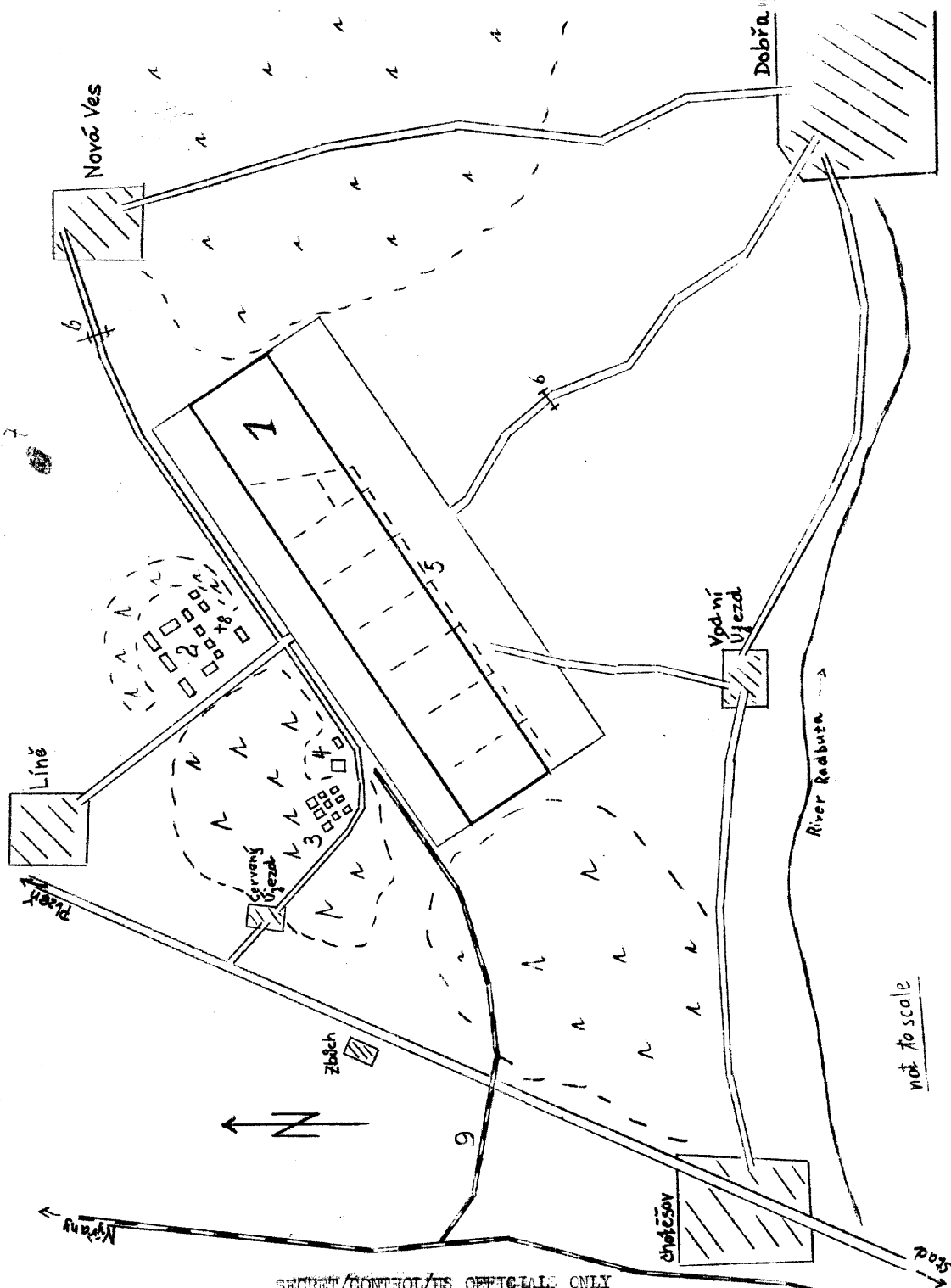
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Dobransky Airfield

Legend:

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|---|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | | 6 | Guarded road blocks |
| 2 | | 7 | Pond |
| 3 | | 8 | Observation tower |
| 4 | Former kaolin pit | 9 | Spur track |
| 5 | Drainage system | | |

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